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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
concerning Equatorial Guinea**

The European Union welcomes the measure of clemency taken by the President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

The European Union would also commend the government's undertaking to urge the joint commission representing the government and the political parties to complete the electoral registration process in a fair manner. The EU wishes to see the normalisation effort undertaken by the government continue in order to help bring reconciliation and consolidation of the democratic process.

The Central and Eastern European countries and Cyprus associated with the European Union and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this declaration.

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